

Historic Cemetery Committee Minutes  
April 17, 2007

Members present: Shelly Merriam, Roy Henry, Sheryl Romasco, Jill Kenrick, Mary Brundage, Jane Snyder and Beth Butler

Motion made to accept the minutes of the February 20, 2007 meeting by Roy Henry and seconded by Jill Kenrick. Accepted 6 - 0 - 1. Beth Butler abstained

OLD BUSINESS

1. Norden Cemetery

All documentation on the Norden Cemetery has been sent to the Secretary of State's Office to assist them in understanding our problem. We have asked for guidance on how to proceed from the Secretary of State.

Nothing has been received back from the Secretary of State's Office as of this meeting. The Millville Selectmen are aware of our request for guidance from the Secretary of State.

2. Gideon Mowry Cemetery

Mr. James Nadeau, owner of the property where the Gideon Mowry Cemetery is located, has told the committee to go ahead and do what we need to do to clean up the cemetery. National Grid will assist when they have the time and budget for it. At this time it is too wet to do anything. The fall might be a better time to complete the project.

3. Directions to the Cemeteries

Mary Brundage is continuing to work on the driving directions to each of the cemeteries.

4. Grants

Walmart - the application is general and simple. We need to decide which cemetery project would benefit the most from a grant.

National Park Service - Save Our History Grants - this grant must be done in collaboration with other groups in town (School Dept., Historical Society, Historical Commission, etc.) This grant is sponsored by the History Channel.

5. Signage for Cemeteries

There are still several signs that need to be placed in cemeteries.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Flags for Veterans' Graves

Committee Members will place approximately 2000 flags on Veterans' Graves on May 19, 2007. This is Armed Forces Day. We will begin at 8:00 a.m. at St. Mary's Cemetery.

2. Footsteps in History/Heritage Homecoming Weekend - October 6 - 8, 2007

Both celebrations will be held the same weekend this year. After much discussion about how we might participate in these events, the Committee decided that we needed to work toward the Celebration in 2008.

3. Ground Penetrating Radar

There was an article in the Milford Daily News on April 7<sup>th</sup> about Russell Kempton from Mendon, MA. He uses ground penetrating radar to find old graves. (This would be especially helpful in identifying where graves are in some of our cemeteries.) The article has been filed for future reference.

4. Annual Appeal Letter

Shelly will update our annual appeal letter. The mailing list will also be updated based on the donations we received last year.

5. Date for next meeting was set for Tuesday, May 15, 2007 at the Farnum House.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Motion to adjourn made by Jane Snyder; seconded by Beth Butler Unanimous.